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## Gigantic Plot Against America is Revealed

### Austrian Publishes Statement Alleging That German and Austrian Ambassadors Are Directing Movements to Destroy Munition Plants.

**President Wilson Orders Immediate Investigation of Charges—Stated That All Austrian Consuls in America Are in Conspiracy—Gorlick Claims That He Resigned Rather Than Do Work Assigned Him By His Government—Serious Difficulties Between Nations Will Result, if Charges Are Sustained.**

Washington, Nov. 12.—A profound sensation was caused here today by the statement of Dr. Joseph Gorlick, published in the Providence Journal that all the Austro-Hungarian consuls in this country are implicated in the plots to create strikes and destroy munition plants. He charges that the German Ambassador von Bernstorff and Consul General von Nuber are directing the movements of the plotters.

President Wilson has directed an immediate investigation. Dr. Gorlick, who was formerly Austrian consul at San Francisco, charges that he left the service rather than secure information regarding the United States fortifications at San Francisco and on Puget Sound. If the charges are proven the wholesale recall of German and Austrian diplomats will be demanded. The German and Austrian embassies deny the charges.

#### NEGOTIATED WITH COUNTRY'S ENEMIES.

Austrian Left Service Because He Was Found to Be Traitor.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The Austrian embassy later issued a statement declaring that Gorlick resigned his position with the Austrian government because he was discovered in secret negotiations with Austria's enemies.

#### SECRET WAR ON AMERICA.

Band of Conspirators Waging Campaign of Destruction in United States.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Federal officials are becoming more gravely concerned over the series of mysterious fires in munitions plants. It was thought that the arrest of Fay would end the plot but it seemingly has had no effect. The authorities are now convinced that no ship leaving for Europe and no plant manufacturing munitions is safe from destruction. Additional investigators have been put to work. On the order of President Wilson all evidence obtained is kept secret.

#### British Steamer Submerged.

London, Nov. 12.—The British steamer Rhineland, of fifteen hundred tons, was sunk Thursday by a German submarine in the Mediterranean. Twenty-five of the crew are missing.

#### CONSPIRATORS ACT QUICKLY.

DuPont Powder Will Be Destroyed by Explosion.

Wilmington, Nov. 13.—Within twelve hours after it was reported that the company had received an order for seventy-two million pounds of powder from the Allies an explosion blew up the DuPont powder mill at Sagsley, near here. None of the workmen were injured.

#### TRIED TO TAKE DYNAMITE ABOARD.

Man Arrested With Explosive in His Suit Case, When Trying to Board Steamer.

New York, Nov. 13.—Just before the American liner St. Louis sailed for Liverpool this afternoon a man giving the name of Abraham Cummings, aged forty, was arrested while trying to get aboard with a suitcase containing two big sticks of dynamite. He has no ticket with him.

#### PLOT INVESTIGATION PROCEEDS.

The Entire Country Honey Combed With Conspirators.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The cancellation of the credentials of every consular official implicated in the plots to destroy ships and munition factories is likely to be the first results of the renewed nation-wide investigation set in motion by President Wilson. The

president favors such action. The agent of the department of justice has surrendered the statement from Dr. Gorlick regarding his charge that thirty million have been spent by Austro-German agents in carrying out their plots. Two hundred and fifty government agents are at work. The conspiracy covers the entire country. Action will be taken in each case as soon as evidence sufficient to indicate guilt is obtained.

#### KAISER WANTS PEACE.

Asks Pope to Intercede With Allies for Compromise.

Paris, Nov. 13.—That the Kaiser has appealed to the Pope to intercede with the Allies to bring about a compromise peace was the statement printed in the Echo de Belge today. The Pope is said to have replied that it will be best for the Kaiser to evacuate Belgium before trying to effect peace. An extract from the Pope's letter has been ordered to be read in all the Belgian churches by Cardinal Mercier.

#### ANOTHER ITALIAN SHIP SUNK.

Sent to Bottom With Loss of Passengers and Crew.

Rome, Nov. 13.—The sinking of another Italian steamer in the Mediterranean, with loss of life, has added to the indignation over the Ancona case. The liner Firenze, from Italian ports to Port Said, was sunk November 9th, with the loss of six passengers and fifteen members of the crew. The captain was given ten minutes to get the passengers into boats.

#### BRITISH SUBMARINE LOST.

Underwater Boat Did Great Damage to Turks in Sea of Marmora.

London, Nov. 13.—The British submarine E-20, which penetrated the Dardanelles and sunk many Turkish ships has been given up for lost. Six members of the crew and three officers are reported to be prisoners in the hands of the Turks. It was one of the most powerful underwater boats of the British navy and carried a crew of twenty-one men.

#### BRITANNIA RULES THE WAVE.

Fourteen New Dreadnoughts Added to Navy Since War Began.

London, Nov. 13.—It was officially announced today that fourteen dreadnoughts have been added to the British navy since the war began.

#### British Steamer Submerged.

London, Nov. 13.—The British steamer Denof Crombie, five thousand tons, is reported to have been sunk by a submarine, presumably in the Mediterranean.

#### E-20 Sunk November 5th.

Constantinople, Nov. 13.—The war office reports the sinking of the British submarine E-20 on November 5.

#### Regarded as War.

New York, Nov. 13.—The Sun today prints a story from Rome quoting a minister as stating that a German submarine sunk the Ancona, and Italy regards it as a declaration of hostilities without a formal declaration of war.

#### Fay Makes Confession.

New York, Nov. 15.—Fay has confessed to United States District Attorney Marshall. He is said to have implicated several prominent men.

#### STEAMSHIP BOSNIA SUBMERGED

Some of the Survivors Have Reached Land.

Rome, Nov. 15.—Twelve seamen and seven passengers are missing as the result of the sinking of the Italian steamship Bosnia by an Austrian

## PLENTY TO FEED GERMANS.

IMPERIAL CHANCELLOR DENIES ANY SHORTAGE IN SUPPLIES.

Bethmann-Hollweg Says Enemies Try to Deceive by Misinterpreting Discussions of Problem.

Berlin, Nov. 12 (by Wireless to Sayville).—Answering the petition of the Socialist party concerning the question of food prices von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, declared that the population of the country could be completely assured that the hopes of the entente powers of starving out Germany would be disappointed, says the Overseas News agency. The agency adds: "Appreciating the fact that the Socialist party was convinced that Germany possessed sufficient supplies of food, the imperial chancellor declared that the authorities had further decided to remove all speculation in bread.

"Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg explained that the entente powers deceived their nationals by misrepresenting the German discussions regarding the question of food prices as signs of weakening in the energy of the German nation, which, he said, was sure of victory."

submarine. Four life boats with survivors have reached land. The Journal demands that Austrian prisoners be carried on all Italian ships so that when they are sunk the Austrians also will be lost.

#### GREAT BATTLE UNDER WAY.

French and English Start Great Offensive on Western Front.

Paris, Nov. 15.—The first great co-operative offensive since the interchange of French and English staff officers is under way. The Allies' guns are pounding the German lines from Arras to Ypres. The offensive evidently has for its objective the capture of Lens and Lille and the prevention of the transportation of German troops from the western theatre to the Balkans or the Russian front. The Lens salient is being hammered on two sides. It is estimated that two thousand guns are shelling the German lines.

#### BULGARS REPORT VICTORY.

Operations on All Fronts Successful for Bulgarians.

Sofia, Nov. 15.—"Operations all over fronts are proceeding favorably," says the official statement. "The French forces which crossed the Tchernia river have been thrown back across that stream."

#### Many Serbians Captured.

Perlin, Nov. 15.—The capture of eighty-five hundred Serbians and twelve guns is reported today. In the western theatre the Germans stormed three hundred yards of French trenches north of Ecurie. The whole west bank of the Sty river is now free of Russians.

#### Churchill Defends Himself.

London, Nov. 15.—Former First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Spencer Churchill made his defense in a speech in the commons today. He declared Lord Kitchener and the French government were responsible for the unsuccessful attempts to save Antwerp. He denied responsibility for the Dardanelles campaign, which he stated was "elaborately considered." He never gave the fleet an order without the approval of the first sea lord of the admiralty.

#### Italians Continue Advance.

Rome, Nov. 15.—The capture of strong Austrian positions in the section of San Martino and progress in the Pievezo basin are officially reported. Despite storms and fogs, Italian airmen attacked the enemy's camps on the Corso Plateau.

#### Turks Invade Persia.

Petrograd, Nov. 15.—The Turks have again invaded northwestern Persia. The war office reports the repulse of heavy attacks made by Kurds and Turks.

#### Adriatic Safe at Liverpool.

New York, Nov. 15.—To allay wild rumors that the Adriatic had been sunk by a German submarine an official statement was issued saying the vessel arrived at Liverpool Friday and will not again sail until November 24.

#### Battles in France.

Paris, Nov. 15 (Official).—Ride and grenade fighting continued throughout the night at Labyrinth. The losses of the enemy were very great in the action of November 14th.

## NO ACTION ON ANCONA CASE.

AMERICAN OFFICIALS WAIT FOR INFORMATION.

Page to Give Facts and No Representation to Be Made to Austria-Hungary Until Report is Received in Washington.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Still without definite information concerning the circumstances under which the Italian liner Ancona was sunk, state department officials took no further steps today in the situation.

It is believed details probably will reach here tomorrow.

Ambassador Thomas Nelson Page's visit to the Italian foreign office is expected to develop at least whether the Ancona was torpedoed without warning or whether shots were fired at the vessel after she had stopped. Until definite information is available on these points any representations to Austria-Hungary will be withheld.

The impression in official quarters, based upon press dispatches, is that the vessel tried to escape, and that those of her passengers who were lost were drowned in the panic that ensued when she was halted.

#### OVER 200 MISSING.

Only 225 of Ancona's 428 Passengers and Crew Rescued, According to Dispatch.

Rome, Nov. 11 (via Paris).—Only 225 passengers and crew of the steamer Ancona were saved out of a total of 428 on board, says a dispatch from Tunis to The Corriere Della Sera.

Two boats have arrived at Tunis, the dispatch said, one with 37 survivors and the other with 27.

Passengers declared the steamer was shelled for an hour and a half by the submarine which was flying the Austrian flag when the torpedo struck the Ancona. The underwater craft had two white turrets and was armed with four guns.

An earlier dispatch from Naples announced the arrival at Cape Bon, Tunis, of a boat containing 27 survivors of the Ancona.

#### EXPLAINS SEARCH OF ZEALANDIA.

British Official Describes Action as Legal Visit on the High Seas.

Washington, Nov. 12.—An explanation of the recent search of the American steamship Zealandia by British sailors off Progreso, Mexico, was made at the State department today by Charge Barclay of the British embassy, who said the vessel was on the high seas at the time and not in Mexican territorial waters as has been alleged.

The Zealandia, Mr. Barclay told Counselor Polk, was anchored about three-quarters of a mile outside of the line of Mexican waters and was boarded by a party from a British cruiser and searched for contraband.

Mr. Barclay said that because the ship was flying the American flag she was not molested, although no document was found aboard to show her nationality or registry. These facts were reported to the British admiralty, and, it was explained, were given to the State department for any action the United States government might desire to take.

The Zealandia carries a cargo of rosin, which is used in the manufacture of explosives, and is said to be manned chiefly by Germans. There were reports that she flew the German flag during the voyage from Pensacola, Fla., to Progreso.

#### Booker Washington's Funeral.

Tuskegee, Nov. 15.—The Booker Washington funeral will be held Wednesday at the institute at 10 a. m. The body will lie in state Tuesday. Leading educators of the country and Alabama State officials will attend the funeral. Emmett J. Scott, Washington's secretary is the most logical successor. Warren Logan, treasurer, and business manager Ainsworth of Tuskegee are also mentioned as Washington's successors.

The German attacks in Champagne were repulsed. The Bulgarians attacked along the whole front on the left bank of the Tchernia river. They were repulsed with heavy losses.

#### Italy at Fever Heat.

Rome, Nov. 15.—Anger over the attack upon Verna is at fever heat. The admiralty has also issued a statement reiterating the announcement that a German submarine sunk the Ancona. Nine Americans lost their lives. Two, Dr. Cecile Griel and Gueseppe Torrisi, were saved. The official reports place the total number lost at two hundred and nine.

## KITCHENER DID NOT RESIGN.

PREMIER DECLARES TENDER OF RESIGNATION WAS NEVER MADE BY SECRETARY OF WAR.

Hot Discussion Comes up over Suspension of Big London Paper—Members Refused to Be Convinced by Asquith's Statements—Kitchener Sent on Secret Mission to Near East.

London, Nov. 11.—Premier Asquith stated in the house of commons tonight that Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, secretary of state for war, had never tendered his resignation either to King George or to the premier, the only two persons to whom it could have been offered.

This statement was made in reply to James Myles Hogge, member of East Edinburgh, who during a discussion of the suspension of The Globe, declared his belief that the statement that Lord Kitchener had resigned was true and that the seizure of the paper because of the publication of the statement was not justified.

Premier Asquith, who immediately replied, said that Mr. Hogge accused him of "a deliberate and inexcusable falsehood," and to make the matter quite clear he declared:

"Earl Kitchener never tendered his resignation either to the king or myself, the only two persons to whom he could have tendered it."

The decision to send Lord Kitchener to the Near East, the premier added, was taken by the cabinet on Thursday (November 4.) Serious information which led the government to take the decision was brought to its knowledge for the first time on Wednesday. The premier repudiated the charge that The Globe had been singled out for special treatment.

Mr. Hogge and William M. R. Pringle, member for Northwest Lankashire, however, insisted that other papers which were equally guilty had not been proceeded against.

Sir John Simon, home secretary, pointed out that The Globe was in an entirely different position from the other papers in that it had ignored the warning of the press bureau on Thursday night in the form of a request made to all the papers that no reference should be made to Earl Kitchener's movements until further notice.

The next day The Globe, and The Globe alone, published the statement that Earl Kitchener had resigned because he had quarreled with his colleagues. When a denial was issued The Globe repeated the statement, thus saying in effect that the government was lying.

The home secretary said that the length of time The Globe would remain under suspension depended on the attitude which the paper thought proper to take for what it had done. Other papers had not been treated the same as The Globe because their offenses were not so serious, but declared the secretary, if the government found from this there were any newspaper, be it small or great, making false statements which were obviously prejudicial to the public interest, they would be treated as The Globe had been treated.

Sir William Pollard Byles, who once was a journalist and chief proprietor of the Bradford Observer, complained:

"Our liberties are being taken from us one by one."

#### FOR NEW FRENCH LOAN.

Chamber of Deputies Adopts Bill Unanimously.

Paris, Nov. 13.—The bill providing for a new French loan was passed by the chamber of deputies today after an explanation by Finance Minister Ribot who said the object was for increasing indefinitely the short term debt. The rate of interest is fixed at 5 per cent. and the government renounces the right of payment until after January 1, 1931.

M. Ribot declared the declaration marked the determination of France to continue the war with arms and money until victory is achieved. He concluded with an appeal to business houses, banks, the press, rich and poor alike for all the aid they can give. The bill was unanimously adopted.

#### STARTLING EVIDENCE FOUND.

Government Will Take out New Indictments Against Fay Plotters.

Washington, Nov. 12.—New indictments against the Fay plotters are planned by the government on new evidence of a startling nature. Some "finger ups" are said to be incriminated.

## ZEALANDIA WITHIN LIMIT.

STATEMENT ISSUED BY VESSEL'S OWNERS.

British Explanation of Search of Steamer Denied by Her Master.

New York, Nov. 13.—How the American steamer Zealandia was boarded and searched November 5 by officers and sailors from a British cruiser afterwards said to be the Isis, while lying at anchor northwest of Progreso, Mex., is told by Paul Devantier, the steamer's captain, in a statement made public here today by the Fiske Trading company, the Zealandia's owners. Capt. Devantier claims that this vessel was within the three mile territorial waters of Mexico, but the officer in command of the cruiser, signalled the time that he was not of the opinion, according to Capt. De

"Since the captain of this protest, made by the India's captain to the British consul, we have received telegraphic news," reads the Fiske company's statement, "to the effect that the authorities of Progreso have fully ascertained that the Zealandia was anchored at the usual discharging place and was within three miles of land."

After the Zealandia had been boarded and searched, Capt. Devantier protested to the British consul at Progreso, leaving a copy of his protest with the American consul there. A copy of this protest, giving Capt. Devantier's version of the incident, is embodied in the Fiske company's statement.

Capt. Devantier's statement says, in conclusion:

"The port doctor of Progreso, Dr. Alconzo Hernandez, who had visited the said cruiser in an official capacity, boarded the Zealandia and while aboard stated that the cruiser's name was the Isis, and that she had arrived from Jamaica."

On its own behalf the Fiske Trading company says:

"The statement of the British authorities that the vessel did not have its papers aboard is evidently made for the sole purpose of deceiving the American public since not only did the British naval officers know that, in accordance with shipping laws and customs, the ship's papers were deposited with the American consul, but the British consul at Progreso even demanded an inspection of these papers from the American consul."

#### IN NEUTRAL PORT.

Zealandia Said to Have Been Within Limit.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The captain of the American steamer Zealandia forcibly searched by a British cruiser at Progreso, Mexico, denies that his ship was outside the three-mile limit and therefore was in a neutral port, in direct contradiction of the British commander's report that the Zealandia was outside the territorial limits of Mexico.

Efforts will be made by the State department to determine just where the vessel was and the American consul at Progreso has been instructed to take affidavits of witnesses. Officials of the State department say much may depend upon the intent of the commander of the cruiser, should it be found that the Zealandia actually was within the three-mile limit.

#### FOOTBALL CASUALTIES.

Three College Boys Fatally Hurt in Saturday's Games.

Charleston, Ill., Nov. 15.—Paul Root, a normal school half back is dead as the result of injuries received at Saturday's game. He died of a ruptured blood vessel in the head.

Cincinnati, Nov. 15.—Carl Kibler, left tackle of the University of Cincinnati is unconscious with only slight chance of recovery as the result of concussion of brain, from an accident in Saturday's game.

St. Louis, Nov. 15.—Charles Wakenman of the University football team had his skull fractured in Saturday's game. There is small hope of his recovery.

President Requests Burkett's Resignation.

Washington, Nov. 15.—It is formally announced that President Wilson has requested the postmaster general to reinstate Assistant Postmaster Burkett of Winnetka, Ill., if his dismissal was caused solely by his criticism of the Wilson-Galt engagement. Postmaster General Burleson will investigate the whole case.

Later the president ordered Burkett reinstated immediately. He has been greatly embarrassed by the dismissal.